

*Application No. 10/084,266*AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1-39. (Canceled)

40. (Currently amended) A leather comprising a first member with a flexible and flat configuration, and a second member with a fixed shape which is bonded with a hot-melt adhesive on said second first member wherein

5 at least a portion of said first member is not in contact with said second member, and wherein the portion of said first member contacting said second member is thinner in thickness than the portion of said first member not contacting said second member, and wherein the first member does not have a through-hole.

41. (Previously presented) A leather as stated in Claim 40 wherein the first member has a waterproof coating.

42. (Previously presented) A leather as stated in Claim 41 wherein the waterproof coating of the part or portion of said first member contacting said second member is transmuted or removed at least partially in the direction of thickness of the first member, and the waterproof coating on the part or portion of said first member not contacting second member is not transmuted or removed at least partially.

5 43. (Previously presented) A leather as stated in Claim 40 wherein the part or portion of said first member not in contact with said second member has no change in quality due to heat.

44. (Currently amended) A leather comprising a first member with a flexible and flat configuration, and a second member with a fixed shape which is bonded with a hot-melt adhesive on said second first member, wherein at least a portion of said first member is not

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5 in contact with said second member and wherein said at least a portion of said first member not in contact with said second member has a waterproof coating, wherein a portion of said first member contacting said second member is thinner in thickness than said at least a portion of said first member not in contact with said second member, and wherein said at least a portion of said first member in contact with said second member does not have a through-hole.

45. (Previously presented) A leather as stated in Claim 44, wherein said portion of said first member contacting said second member has a waterproof coating.

46. (Previously presented) A leather as stated in Claim 45, wherein the waterproof coating of the portion of said first member contacting said second member is at least partially thinner than the waterproof coating on said at least a portion of said first member not in contact with said second member.

47. (Previously presented) A leather as stated in Claim 45 wherein said portion of said first member contacting said second member does not have a waterproof coating.

5 48. (Previously presented) A leather article comprising:
a first member comprising a leather material, the first member having a substantially flexible and flat configuration; and
a second member with a fixed shape, wherein the second member is bonded with a hot-melt adhesive to said first member;
wherein at least a first portion of said first member is not in contact with said second member, and wherein a second portion of said first member contacting said second member is thinner in thickness than said first portion of said first member, and wherein said second portion of said first member does not have a through-hole.

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49. (Previously presented) The article as claimed in Claim 48, wherein said first portion of said first member comprises a waterproof layer.

50. (Previously presented) The article as claimed in Claim 48, wherein said second member is selected from the group consisting of glass, stone, pottery, porcelain, metal and resin.

51. (Previously presented) An article comprising:

a first member having a substantially flexible and flat configuration; and
a second member with a fixed shape, wherein the second member is bonded with a hot-melt adhesive to said first member;

5 wherein at least a first portion of said first member is not in contact with said second member, and wherein a second portion of said first member contacting said second member is thinner in thickness than said first portion of said first member, and wherein said second portion of said first member does not have a through-hole.

52. (Previously presented) The article as claimed in Claim 51, wherein said first member comprises leather.

53. (Previously presented) The article as claimed in Claim 51, wherein said first member comprises a cloth.

54. (Previously presented) The article as claimed in Claim 51, wherein said first portion of said first member comprises a waterproof layer.

55. (Previously presented) The article as claimed in Claim 51, wherein said second member is selected from the group consisting of glass, stone, pottery, porcelain, metal and resin.